

REMARKS

By this amendment, applicants have amended the claims to more clearly define their invention. In particular, applicants have rewritten claims 6 and 17 in independent form. In rewriting claim 6 in independent form, applicants have indicated that the at least one fatty acid is polymerized. See, e.g., page 3, lines 1 - 2 of the substitute specification. Claims 4, 7, 8 and 10 have been amended to depend from claim 6. Applicants have cancelled claims 2, 3, 5, 11 - 16, 20 and 21 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Since the foregoing amendments merely cancel claims, rewrite claims in independent form, change claim dependencies and address an informality noted by the Examiner in numbered section 2 of the office action, it is submitted the foregoing amendments do not raise new issues requiring further consideration and/or search. Moreover, the amendments place the application in condition for allowance or, at least, in better form for consideration on appeal. Therefore, entry of this amendment under 37 CFR 1.116 is requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments to claim 6, i.e., reciting that the at least one fatty acid is polymerized, it is submitted all of the claims now in the application comply with the requirements of 35 USC 112, first paragraph. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 2 - 16, 20 and 21 under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, are requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments to the claims, i.e., rewriting claims 6 and 17 in independent form, amending claims 4, 7, 8 and 10 to depend from claim 6 and canceling claims 2, 3, 5, 11 - 16, 20 and 21, the rejection of claims 2 - 5, 7 - 16, 20 and 21 in numbered section 4 of the office action is moot.

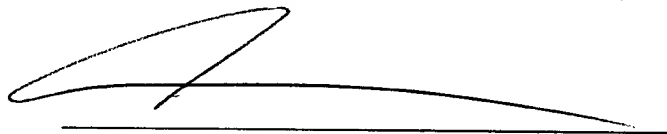
Applicants note the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 6 and 17 - 19. In view of the foregoing amendments rewriting claims 6 and 17 in independent form, canceling claims and amending the remaining claims to ultimately depend from one of claims 6 and 17, it is submitted all of the claims now in the application are in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, entry of this amendment and favorable reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims now in the application are requested.

To the extent necessary, applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 612.39321X00), and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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